

# city college news



**ST. JAMES ROOFTOP DINING AT COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S BBQ:** (From left): Marie Jaffey, John Kitchener and Rick Losole, all from the Academic Bridging & Community Outreach Department, enjoy a barbeque lunch on the rooftop patio of the building at 200 King Street East on June 7. This was just one of three President's barbeques held last week at each of the Nightingale, St. James and Casa Loma campuses.

## Health information management graduate gets national award

City College graduate Virginia Guthrie was awarded the Promising New Professional Award by the Canadian Health Records Association (CHRA) at their annual conference in Edmonton, May 24 to 26.

Guthrie, who recently completed the two-year Health Information Management (HIM) diploma program, was nominated for the award by one of her peers. The award

recognizes her contribution to the profession and her active involvement in health information management, says Heather Donovan, Coordinator, HIM program. Guthrie is the first City College student to win this national award. This particular award is part of the CHRA's new Pinnacle Awards.

Guthrie is now working with Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation.

## Excellence in GBC teaching recognized with new awards

Seven City College faculty members are the recipients of the first GBC Foundation Crystal Apple Awards for Teaching Excellence.

These awards, which will be given out annually, pay tribute to professors who have been nominated by their students for their outstanding ability to motivate, challenge and inspire.

Judy Ercolino, an instructor in the Pre-Interpreter Program, Faculty of Community Services and Health Sciences, is the first-ever winner of the Crystal Apple Award. This award includes a cash award of \$5,000. Nominees had to be full-time instructors at George Brown College.

Ercolino has been teaching at the College for just two years. A graduate of Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., she also has an M.A. from Western Maryland College. The majority of the courses she teaches at George Brown College are American Sign Language classes, although last year she also taught courses dealing with deaf community and culture.

Ercolino says she decided to go into teaching after doing a bit of part-time instruction six years ago. "That led me to apply to GBC for a full-time teaching job in 1999 and I love it."

Ercolino says she was surprised and touched by her nomination. "I felt so honoured to receive this special

award. I must thank the students who nominated me."

Three Division Awards, including a cash award of \$2,000, were given to instructors in each of the three remaining faculties. The 2001 recipients are: Marianne Marando, Business and Creative Arts; Sue Brown, Hospitality and Tourism; and Doug LaPorte, Technology.

In addition, three School Awards were given to instructors chosen from among the remaining Schools. Each winner receives \$500. This year's School Award recipients are: Wing-Ki Chan, representing the Schools of Fashion and Creative Technologies, General Arts & Science, and Performing Arts; Tom Malcomson, School of Health Sciences; and Ian Gallacher, George Brown Chefs' School.

Professors were nominated by students and then the nominations were judged by a panel of three educational professionals from outside the College. The selection of the recipients was carried out according to guidelines developed in cooperation with the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto (OISE/UT).

The 2001 winners will receive their awards at a special ceremony scheduled for September. The awards were made possible through a donation from Paul C. Carder, Dean of the Faculty of Business and Creative Arts.

# New Registrar seeks to "broker information"

Barry Hemmerling has seen the college registration and information management process evolve from punch cards to real time information systems like Banner over the past 23 years.

The new City College Registrar is looking forward to leading George Brown into the next phase of data management, a phase that includes web registration, the call centre and higher levels of service.

Ultimately, he says, there are two driving forces in registration today: customer service and information processing or what he calls "brokering information".

"We have to meet public expectations," he says. "And this means keeping up with the private sector which has far greater resources."

Hemmerling gives the examples of movie theatres, and banks. People can bypass the lines at cinemas and buy their tickets at automated kiosks,



saving time and aggravation. And today, banking can be done 24 hours a day, seven days a week, using either the web or ATMs. Hemmerling sees a future where students, the general public, faculty and staff can retrieve or change information instantaneously and effortlessly.

"The data must be accurate and dealing with it should be efficient," he says. "I see it as a sort of 80/20 rule. If 80% of the people can get the information they need through automation, then our staff is freed up to help the

20% who may need more personalized service."

Born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Hemmerling jokes that he was destined to be a farmer. Instead, Hemmerling's family moved to Port Colborne, Ontario when he was eight.

He moved to Waterloo to take a Bachelor's degree in Psychology at Wilfrid Laurier University. But it would be a couple of years before he linked his education to his job. The same year he graduated from Wilfrid Laurier, he took a job in sales with Kerr Steamships (Canada) Ltd. "That's how I got to know Toronto," Hemmerling says. "I was responsible for soliciting cargo. I learned a lot about world politics and the job made the world a much smaller place."

Hemmerling got a chance to put his psychology studies to practical use when he joined Humber College as Admissions and Records

Officer in 1978. "It gave me an opportunity to use my people skills. I would often counsel students who were dropping out or not doing well in their programs and I would help them turn their lives around."

Hemmerling spent almost 20 years at Humber College. While at Humber, he completed a Bachelor of Administrative Studies degree at York University. In 1998, he became Associate Registrar, Registration and Records at Sheridan College where he helped develop OASIS, Sheridan's web registration system. He returned to Humber College in 2000 as Associate Director, Customer Service.

When he is not working, Hemmerling enjoys playing ice hockey, riding his 1100 cc Honda motorcycle and downhill skiing. "When my wife and I first started skiing, it was an obsession. Now it's just a passion."

## City College initiative makes getting a degree easier

There is no time like the present to take advantage of George Brown College's "Opportunities for Higher Learning" program.

A number of universities, including University of Toronto, Brock, Central Michigan and Benidji State, have programs designed by college staff for college staff. College staff can work toward a degree by taking courses on Friday evenings, weekends, or during the summer.

Full-time employees are also eligible to receive up to \$5,000 in tuition assistance.

Leo Spindel, Manager, Staff Resource Centre, says in the past two years, the City College has paid out more than \$70,000 in tuition assis-

tance to more than 60 College staff. Spindel helped design the Brock B.Ed. program that first ran in the Fall of 1993 and he taught a course in that program that first year, too.

Currently five City College employees are taking the MA in Adult Education offered by Central Michigan University (CMU): Antonella Bonasoro of Continuing Education; Stacey Gray of Community Services; Nancy Hood of Human Resources; Amber Stiebel of Community Services and Goran Surlan of Continuing Education began their three-year MA last October. CMU itself is in Mount Pleasant, Michigan but students take their courses at Humber College in Toronto.

Since October, the group has completed three of their required 11 courses and are currently working on their fourth course. Over a period of six weeks, the class of 25 meets every second weekend, on Friday nights and all day Saturdays. Students do their research and assignments on the alternate weekends.

"I wanted to do it as a form of lifelong learning," Bonasoro says. "The program is fun and a great opportunity to network with people from other colleges."

Director of Academic Excellence, Marjorie McColl and instructor Barbara Thistle are also classmates but in the doctoral program at Ontario Institute for

Studies in Education, University of Toronto (OISE/UT).

McColl and Thistle are two of the first class in OISE's new Ed.D. program in community college leadership. Three years into the program, they have completed their courses and are now writing their dissertations.

"The program is designed for people who work full-time," says McColl. "We have three college presidents, a vice-president and faculty in our class with people from as far away as North Bay. It's most interesting what we learn from each other!"

OISE/UT is now accepting applications for the second Ed.D. class. Applications are due October 15, 2001.

# Fun for more than 250 GBC staff, family & friends

More than 250 staff, family and friends gathered at Centre Island on a chilly May 26 for the annual College picnic. Welcomed by Sally Roy, VP Human Resources and led by Alex Barbier, Manager, Athletics and Recreation, the activities and the food were non-stop! Thanks to all those who volunteered their time and who helped make the event fun for all!



Elisabeth Henriques volunteers at the children's face painting table on the island.



Alexander Barbier holds up his daughter Ashley in preparation for one of the field races.



Gifty Quartey (second from right) and Maureen Clarke (in front, in hat) brought a whole tableful of family and friends to join in the festivities.



Gail Leonardo (front right) brought (from left to right) her daughter Diana, niece Megan, nephew Mathew, and daughter Christie.



Warming up with Kim Ramrattan before the field events begin.



Student 'Tanka' Olamitanka doffs his cap to a day on the island!

## 'Micromania' and summer jobs help promote tech programs

How do you get potential students interested in City College programs?

The Faculty of Technology has come up with two innovative ideas to promote two very different programs. Offers of summer jobs with leading building restoration companies and a week-long microelectronics camp for 20 senior high school students are two initiatives running this summer.

To raise the profile of the new two-year diploma program for building restoration technicians that starts this September, the Faculty and industry partners are collaborating to offer students summer jobs in the industry. Any interested students who are accepted into the new program, will be offered a summer job this year with a lead-

ing building restoration company in the Greater Toronto Area. Interested students should contact Michael Ludolph, Chair, Building and Environmental Systems Technologies at ext. 4388.

The other initiative being run by the Faculty is 'Micromania'. Scheduled for July 9 to 13, 20 senior high school students will spend five days learning about microelectronics and how to construct robots. The week-long learning experience culminates in a competition to see which student's robot makes it through an obstacle course with the best time. Students who complete the camp will receive a certificate of achievement.

If you know someone who may be interested, contact Charissa Hu at ext. 4834.

# news briefs

## Payroll manager Mary Hannon dies

Payroll manager Mary Hannon died on June 1 in Ireland after an eight-year battle with cancer. She had been with the City College for 12 years and will be sorely missed.

Mary is survived by her daughter Ashling and her son-in-law.

## Newest members of the GBC 20 Year Club

29 City College employees who have worked at the College for two decades were honoured at the 23rd Annual 20 Year Club Reception, at Siegfried's, on May 31.

The newest Club members are: Terry Allen, Len Charbonneau, Paul Dagnis, Maria Denotaris, Patrick Dowling, Bill Fallis, Shenouda Gad, Rosalind Gilbert, Marie Goulet, Julie Harrington, Tim Hawley, John Kitchener, Laura Kuca, William Lau, Mike MacDonald, David MacDougall, Sandy Mason, Tia Moitt, Carl Nowak, Jerry Nugent, Deanna Oliver, Sue Phillips, Mayce Ramrattan, Brian Richmond, Anna Samples, Don St. Jean, Delynn Struyuk, Julie Villari, and Robert Young.

## 62 golfers win big at City College Golf Day

The annual golf tournament was held May 28 at the Parkview Golf Club in Markham. 62 golfers helped raise more than \$600 for charity while enjoying a cool spring day on the links.

The low gross trophies went to Randy Kerman, with a score of 82, and Donna Champion who shot 100. The low net trophies were won by Doug Todd (72) and Lori Futterer (78). Harry Hofweller and Kate Nugent wielded the biggest sticks: they took the men's and women's longest drive prizes, while Michael Tumpane and Lori Futterer were "closest to the pin". Randy Kerman won the "half and half close to the pin" trophy.

Finally, the Most Honest Trophy was won by Damian Wiechula with a score of 117 for his round while Mary Lou Martin was the most honest woman, recording a score of 172. Thanks to everyone who participated! (see photo, this page, top left)

## Correction

Cynthia McDonagh's name was misspelled in the last issue of *City College News*. The error was corrected on the web version. The Editor regrets this error.

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**A DAY ON THE LINKS:** Just one of the foursomes that took part in the annual City College Golf Tournament held at Parkview Golf Club on May 28. From left: Damian Wiechula, Martin Kerman, his son Randy Kerman, and Eric Lord (see story at right, in "NewsBriefs").

## Divisional Open House dates

### Community Services and Health Services - Collaborative Nursing Degree Program

June 21 6 - 8 pm  
(call Terri at ext. 2900, voicemail 3109 to register)

### Community Services and Health Services - Community Services Programs

June 27 3 - 5 pm  
(call Hannah at ext. 2185 to register)

### Community Services and Health Services - Health Sciences

July 19 6 - 8 pm  
(call Bob at ext. 2190  
or Christine at ext. 2900, voicemail 3509 to register)

### Hospitality and Tourism:

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| July 12             | 10 am - Noon   |
| August 9 *NEW DATE* | 1 - 3 pm       |
| September 26        | 2:30 - 4:30 pm |
| October 10          | 2:30 - 4:30 pm |

(call Student Affairs at ext. 2107 to register)

### Technology - All Programs:

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| July 7 | 11 am - 4 pm |
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(for CABT programs call Alma at ext. 4398 to register;  
for IT programs, call Fernanda at ext. 4598;  
for Microelectronics programs, call Charissa at ext. 4834)